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TAGS: ICNAF, EFIS, SP, XN

SUBJECT: ICNAF SPECIAL MEETING, TENERIFE, SECOND REPORT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. OPENING PLENARY DECEMBER 1
BEGAN WITH WELCOMING SPEECH BY SPANISH MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE, SUBSECRETARY FOR MERCHANT MARINE, ADMIRAL
ENRIQUE AMADOR FRANCO. IN ADDITION TO USUAL WELCOMING
REMARKS, THE ADMIRAL NOTED RECENT EEC ANNOUNCED
INTENTION TO EXTEND COMMUNITY FISHERIES JURISDICTION
TO 200 MILES ON JANUARY 1 AND COMMENTED THAT THIS ACTION
WAS ANOTHER STEP IN THE EXTENSION PROCESS BEGUN BY THE
U.S. AND CANADA. HE ALSO NOTED THE FAILURE OF THE
NORTHEAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (NEAFC) TO
REACH AGREEMENT ON TACS AND QUOTAS IN ITS SPECIAL
MEETING LAST WEEK AND ONLY THINLY VEILED THE ATTRIBU-
TION OF THE FAILURE TO THE EEC'S REFUSAL TO AGREE TO
TACS AND QUOTAS FOR 1977 EXCEPT ON A BILATERAL BASIS.
HE THEN NOTED ICNAF'S LONG TRADITION AS THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSIONS
AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE, AND CONFIDENCE, THAT ICNAF
WOULD PROCEED IN ITS USUAL FASHION TO AGREEMENT ON
THE ISSUES FACING IT AT THIS MEETING.

2. EEC OBSERVER MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON
COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND POSITION: QUOTE: MR. CHAIRMAN:
I HAVE ASKED FOR THE FLOOR AT THE START OF OUR MEETING
IN ORDER TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

3. QUOTE LIKE A NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBERS OF ICNAF,
THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE ANNOUNCED
THEIR INTENTION TO MOVE TO 200 MILES WITH EFFECT
FROM JANUARY 1, 1977. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN INFORMED.
THIS MEANS THAT FISHING IN THE COMMUNITY ZONE BY THIRD
STATES, AS FROM 1 JANUARY 1977, WILL BE GOVERNED BY
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE THIRD STATES
CONCERNED. FURTHERMORE, THOSE AGREEMENTS MUST BE
NEGOTIATED WITH THE COMMUNITY AS SUCH. THE MEMBER
STATES, IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, HAVE
DELEGATED POWERS IN THIS RESPECT TO THE COMMUNITY.
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4. QUOTE: IT FOLLOWS FROM WHAT I HAVE SAID, MR.
CHAIRMAN, THAT THE RIGHTS OF ACCESS BY THIRD COUNTRIES
TO THE COMMUNITY 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE MUST BE
NEGOTIATED BY BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY.
IT WILL, THEREFORE, BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH FRAMEWORK
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE THIRD COUN-
TRIES WHO WISH TO HAVE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY WATERS AFTER

JANUARY 1, 1977. THESE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY FISHING RIGHTS, SPECIFIC QUOTAS, ETC. THE COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES AND ACCEPTS THE AGREEMENTS OF TACS AND QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN SPECIES WHICH WERE REACHED DURING THE LATEST MEETING OF ICNAF IN MONTREAL. THE COMMUNITY HOPES THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN IT AND YOU - I MEAN THE INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES - NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE WITHIN OR IN THE MARGINS OF THE ICNAF - IF THIS ORGANIZATION SO PERMITS - WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FIND INTERIM SOLUTIONS FOR THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS FOR THE COMING YEAR CONCERNING MAINLY THE FIXING OF QUOTAS FOR A NUMBER OF SPECIES.

5. QUOTE: THE PRESENT SESSION ALSO HAS ON ITS AGENDA THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF ICNAF.

6. QUOTE: I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO THANK THE OFFICIALS AND SERVICES OF ICNA FOR THEIR PAST EFFORTS, BUT TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THESE WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE IN A FORMAT APPROPRIATE TO FUTURE CONDITIONS. WHAT ITS FUTURE ROLE WILL BE IS A MATTER WHICH NOW REQUIRES TO BE NEGOTIATED. I AM SATISFIED THAT IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT AND USEFUL ROLE AND THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WILL EXPECT TO BE A MEMBER OF ICNAF, WILL MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO IT.

7. QUOTE: IT WOULD BE OUR HOPE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT OTHER STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE FUTURE. THE BASIS CAN THUS BE LAID FOR EXAMINING THE PROBLEMS REGARDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN OF CONCERN TO ALL DELEGATIONS HERE PRESENT FOR SO MANY YEARS. UNQUOTE.

8. IN RESPONSE TO EEC STATEMENT, USSR AND CUBAN DELEGATES, SUPPORTED BY PORTUGAL, NOTED THAT PRESENT CONVENTION IS COMPOSED OF EIGHTEEN MEMBER NATIONS, NOT COMMUNITIES, AND THAT THEY EXPECTED COMMISSION TO PROCEED IN ITS USUAL FASHION WITH DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES. SOVIET DELEGATE ADDED THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD IGNORE INTERVENTIONS BY THE EEC OBSERVER.

9. PLENARY WILL CONTINUE DECEMBER 2 WITH PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF ICNAF AND THEN

DISSOLVE INTO PANELS TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC STOCK
ISSUES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

10. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WHILE IT'S TOO
EARLY TO TELL WITH CERTAINITY, PREVAILING FEELING IS
THAT EEC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISRUPT ICNAF AS IT
DID NEAFC. THE MEMBERSHIP IS DIFFERENT AND THE
COMMUNITY EXTENSION AFFECTS ONLY THE PORTION OF THE
ICNAF AREA OFF GREENLAND. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. STABLER

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